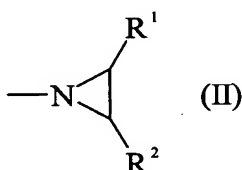


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A composition comprising at least one polyfunctional aziridine compound and 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane ~~and a polar unreactive solvent,~~
~~wherein the content of 1,4 diazabicyclo[2-2-2] octane is from 0,1 to 10 % by weight, based in~~
~~each case on the composition.~~

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The composition ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 1, wherein
the at least one polyfunctional aziridine compound ~~contains~~ comprises at least two structural
units of the formula (II)



~~where~~ wherein R¹ and R², independently of one another, are each a hydrogen atom, ~~or an~~
~~unfunctionalized or functionalized alkyl, alkenyl, aryl or aralkyl radical, or a functionalized~~
alkyl, alkenyl, aryl or aralkyl radical.

Claims 3-12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (New): The composition of claim 1, further comprising a polar, unreactive solvent.

Claim 14 (New): The composition of claim 13, wherein the content of the 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane is from 0.1 to 10% by weight, based in each case on the composition.

Claim 15 (New): The composition of claim 13, wherein the content of the solvent is from 1 to 50% by weight, based in each case on the composition.

Claim 16 (New): The composition of claim 13, wherein the content of the 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane is from 0.1 to 10% by weight, based in each case on the composition, and wherein the content of the solvent is from 1 to 50% by weight, based in each case on the composition.

Claim 17 (New): The composition of claim 1, wherein the at least one polyfunctional aziridine compound is selected from the group consisting of Michael adducts of substituted ethylenimine with α,β -unsaturated carboxylic esters of polyhydric alcohols, Michael adducts of unsubstituted ethylenimine with α,β -unsaturated carboxylic esters of polyhydric alcohols, adducts of substituted ethylenimine with polyisocyanates, and adducts of unsubstituted ethylenimine with polyisocyanates, or a combination thereof.

Claim 18 (New): A composition as claimed in claim 2, wherein the polyfunctional aziridine compound is selected from the group consisting of the Michael adducts of substituted ethylenimine with α,β -unsaturated carboxylic esters of polyhydric alcohols, Michael adducts of unsubstituted ethylenimine with α,β -unsaturated carboxylic esters of polyhydric alcohols, the adducts of substituted ethylenimine with polyisocyanates, and the adducts of unsubstituted ethylenimine with polyisocyanates, or a combination thereof.

Claim 19 (New) A process for preparing the composition of claim 1, comprising:

- (a) providing of a mixture of at least one unsubstituted or at least one substituted ethylenimine and 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane; and
- (b) adding, to the mixture, at least one polyhydric alcohol esterified with at least one α,β -unsaturated carboxylic acid.

Claim 20 (New) A process for preparing the composition of claim 1, comprising:

- (a) providing of a mixture of at least one unsubstituted or at least one substituted ethylenimine and 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane; and
- (b) adding, to the mixture, at least one polyisocyanate.

Claim 21 (New) A process for preparing the composition of claim 1, comprising:

- (a) providing of a mixture of at least one unsubstituted or at least one substituted ethylenimine and 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane; and
- (b) adding, to the mixture, at least one polyhydric alcohol esterified with at least one α,β -unsaturated carboxylic acid and at least one polyisocyanate.

Claim 22 (New): The process of claim 19, wherein the at least one polyhydric alcohol is selected from the group consisting of trimethylolpropane, neopentylglycol, glycerol, pentaerythritol, 4,4'-isopropylidenediphenol and 4,4'-methylenediphenol.

Claim 23 (New): The process of claim 21, wherein the at least one polyhydric alcohol is selected from the group consisting of trimethylolpropane, neopentylglycol, glycerol, pentaerythritol, 4,4'-isopropylidenediphenol and 4,4'-methylenediphenol.

Claim 24 (New): The process of claim 19, wherein the at least one α,β -unsaturated carboxylic acid is selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, crotonic acid and cinnamic acid.

Claim 25 (New): The process of claim 21, wherein the at least one α,β -unsaturated carboxylic acid is selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, crotonic acid and cinnamic acid.

Claim 26 (New): The process of claim 20, wherein the at least one polyisocyanate is selected from the group consisting of hexamethylene diisocyanate, 4,4'-methylenebis(phenyl isocyanate) and 1,3,5-tris(ω -hexamethyleneisocyanato)biuret.

Claim 27 (New): The process of claim 21, wherein the at least one polyisocyanate is selected from the group consisting of hexamethylene diisocyanate, 4,4'-methylenebis(phenyl isocyanate) and 1,3,5-tris(ω -hexamethyleneisocyanato)biuret.

Claim 28 (New): A method of curing leather comprising contacting the composition of claim 1 with the leather.

Claim 29 (New): A method of curing a coated surface comprising contacting the coated surface with the composition of claim 1.

Claim 30 (New): A method of curing a textile printing comprising contacting the composition of claim 1 with the textile printing.

Claim 31 (New): A leather treatment composition comprising the composition of claim 1 and at least one additive.

Claim 32 (New): The leather treatment composition of claim 30, wherein the at least one additive is a colored pigment, a filler, a binder, a bottoming composition, a seasoning agent, a wax, a handle composition, an antifoam, a levelling agent, a dye, or a combination thereof.